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1. AUGUST 9 ASSEMBLY SESSION HALTED AFTER ONLY ONE INTERPELLATION WHEN SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON REFUSED TO ALLOW NDP VICE PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM TO TAKE THE FLOOR AS PROMISED PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL). CHONG ASSERTED THAT QUESTION SUBMITTED BY KIM DUPLICATED EARLIER EFFORTS BY FELLOW NDP ASSEMBLYMAN KIM WON-MAN WHEN NDP MEMBERS CAME OUT ON FLOOR TO LOUDLY PORTEST SPEAKER'S DECISION, CHONG RECESSED ASSEMBLY AND LATER ANNOUNCED THAT KIM WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT ALL.

2. FOLLOWING SEVERAL HOURS OF NEGOTIATION WITHIN THE NDP AND BETWEEN NDP AND DRP, ASSEMBLY BRIEFLY CONVENED AFTERNOON AGUST 9. KIM AGAIN RUSHED TO PODIUM AND DEMANDED TO SPEAK; CHONG AGAIN REFUSED ALTHOUGH HE ALLOWED NDP SPOKESMAN CHAE MUN-SIK TO MAKE POINT OF ORDER THAT KIM HAD RIGHT TO SPEAK ON "PERSONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATTER." CHONG IN TURN EXPLAINED THT HE MUST

MAINTAIN ORDER ON THE FLOOR, THAT IN VIEW OF KIM'S
CONDUCT HE HAD NO ASSURANCE ORDER COULD BE MAINTAINED,
AND THUS HE ADJOURNED THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SECOND
TIME.

3. SPEAKER'S SECRETARY HAS SAID SPEAKER WILL NOT
ALLOW FURTHER ASSEMBLY DEBATE OR JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
HEARINGS ON NDP BILL TO LIFT EMERGENCY MEASURES UNLESS
KIM YONG-SAM AGREES TO REMAIN SILENT. THUS NDP
MAY PUT SOME PRESSURE ON KIM TO GIVE UP. HOWEVER,
KIM IS THREATENING PRIVATELY TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE
TO PUT HIS POSITION ON RECORD, IF NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE
ASSEMBLY FLOOR.
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